

ISSUES/PROGRAM LISTING

STATION: WDIO/WIRT

REPORTING PERIOD¹: January 1-March 31, 2011

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Date of Program	Time & Duration	Type of Program ³	Issues Addressed by Program ⁴	Narrative Describing How Issue Was Treated
1/6, 1/7, 1/11, 1/12, 1/17, 1/18, 1/20, 1/21, 1/24, 1/25, 1/27, 1/28, 1/31, 2/1, 2/2, 2/3, 2/4, 2/7, 2/8, 2/9, 2/16, 2/17, 2/18, 2/21, 2/22, 2/23, 2/24, 3/1, 3/2, 3/3, 3/4, 3/7, 3/8, 3/10, 3/11, 3/14, 3/16, 3/16, 3/17, 3/18, 3/19, 3/20, 3/21, 3/22, 3/23, 3/24, 3/25, 3/28, 3/30, 3/31	5AM, 6AM, 5PM, 6PM, 10PM 2 hours, 57 min., 30 sec.	News	Mining Industry	Ongoing news coverage of issues affecting the mining industry in northeastern Minnesota, including updates on companies currently in operation, projects under construction, and projects proposed; a legislative proposal to streamline environmental permitting to speed new projects; job opportunities; relocation of U.S. Highway 53 and St. Louis County Highway 102 to make way for mining; and an investigation into pensions owed to former National Steel workers.

¹ Reporting Period: a: January 1-March 31; b: April 1-June 30; c: July 1 – September 30; d: October 1 – December 31.

² List must be placed in public file on: Jan. 10; April 10; July 10; October 10

³ State whether program was: PSA, Public Affairs, News Feature, etc.

⁴ Report actual issue treated, NOT category of issue.

1/6, 1/7, 1/13, 1/14, 1/19, 1/20, 2/6, 2/7, 2/15, 2/18, 2/22, 2/23, 2/24, 3/7, 3/8, 3/9, 3/16, 3/17, 3/18, 3/26, 3/28, 3/29, 3/30, 3/31	5AM, 6AM, 5PM, 6PM, 10PM 44 min. 5 sec.	News	Shipping Industry	Ongoing news coverage of issues affecting the shipping industry in northeastern Minnesota and northwestern Wisconsin, including tonnage reports, invasive species concerns, dredging, and water levels.
2/9, 2/10, 2/27, 2/28, 3/15, 3/16, 3/18, 3/19, 3/21, 3/25, 3/26, 3/28, 3/30, 3/31	5AM, 6AM, 5PM, 6PM, 10PM 23 min. 52 sec.	News	Honor Flight Northland	Continuing news coverage of an effort to fly 100 Northland World War II veterans to Washington to see their memorial, including interviews with veterans and coverage of fundraisers for the flight.
1/14, 1/18, 1/19, 1/24, 1/26, 1/29, 1/29, 1/30, 1/31, 2/1, 2/2, 2/3, 2/8, 2/9, 2/10, 2/11, 2/13, 2/14, 2/15, 2/16, 2/17	5AM, 6AM, 7AM, 8AM, 5PM, 6PM, 10PM 70 min. 23 sec.	News	5B House Special Election	Coverage of a special election in Minnesota House District 5B, which includes Hibbing and Chisholm, after Rep. Tony Sertich resigned to become a state commissioner. Coverage included news reports on candidate forums and interviews with the candidates.

3/28, 3/29, 3/30	5AM, 6AM, 5PM, 6PM, 10PM 10 min. 49 sec.	News	Ely School Referendum	News coverage of a referendum in the Ely School District to increase property taxes to fund replacement of the school's heating system.
1/7, 2/9, 2/10, 2/13, 2/14, 2/15, 2/16, 3/5, 3/19, 3/20, 3/21, 3/31	5AM, 6AM, 7AM, 8AM, 5PM, 6PM, 10PM 20 min. 15 sec.	News	Superior Mayoral Race	News coverage of the campaign for Superior mayor, including coverage of debates and interviews with the candidates.
3/13, 3/14	5AM, 6AM, 10PM 6 min. 45 sec.	News	Superior Knox Boxes	A candidate for city council speaks out against a city requirement that business and apartment owners install key boxes known as "Knox Boxes."
2/13, 2/14, 2/16, 3/20, 3/21, 3/25, 3/31	5AM, 6AM, 7AM, 5PM, 6PM, 10PM 15 min. 25 sec.	News	Wisconsin Supreme Court Race	News coverage of campaign visits by candidates for Wisconsin Supreme Court Justice and local campaign efforts.

2/11, 2/14, 2/15, 2/16, 2/17, 2/18, 2/19, 2/20, 2/21, 2/22, 2/23, 2/24, 2/25, 2/26, 2/27, 2/28, 3/1, 3/2, 3/3, 3/4, 3/5, 3/6, 3/7, 3/8, 3/9, 3/10, 3/11, 3/12, 3/13, 3/14, 3/15, 3/16, 3/17, 3/18, 3/19, 3/21, 3/22, 3/23, 3/24, 3/25, 3/26, 3/27, 3/28, 3/30, 3/31	5AM, 6AM, 7AM, 8AM, 5PM, 6PM, 10PM 1 hour 52 min. 23 sec.	News	Wisconsin Labor Law Change	Continuing coverage of Gov. Scott Walker's budget repair bill, including new limits on collective bargaining for most state and local workers. Coverage included the initial proposal, legislative reaction and action, and protests locally and at the state Capitol.
3/11	5PM, 11PM 2 min. 51 sec.	News	Wisconsin Budget/Local Impact	A look at how the City of Superior and Superior School District are reacting to a state budget repair bill.
2/25, 3/1, 3/2	5AM, 6AM, 6PM, 10PM 8 min. 11 sec.	News	Superior Labor Contracts	In the wake of proposed changes to collective bargaining rules at the state level, Superior city councilors consider passing new contracts ahead of schedule.

3/7, 3/8	5AM, 6AM, 6PM, 10PM 8 min. 6 sec.	News	Superior Teacher Retirements	More teachers than usual declare plans to retire as the Wisconsin Legislature considers changes that unions say could make retirement less favorable in the future.
3/4	6PM, 10PM 3 min. 56 sec.	News	UW-Superior Budget	UW-Superior considers how it would deal with proposed state budget cuts.
3/18	6PM 1 min. 44 sec.	News	Wisconsin Library Cuts	Library leaders in Superior and northwestern Wisconsin say a budget provision being considered in the state Legislature could hurt a statewide system used to share books.
2/21, 2/22, 2/23, 2/24	5AM, 6AM, 7AM, 8AM, 5PM, 6PM, 10PM 22 min. 55 sec.	News	Superior Days	Citizen-delegates lobby for issues important to northwestern Wisconsin at the state Capitol.

1/7, 1/10, 1/18, 1/28, 2/10, 2/11, 2/12, 2/15, 2/16, 2/17, 2/18, 2/28, 3/1, 3/3, 3/5, 3/10, 3/11, 3/14, 3/15, 3/21, 3/22, 3/23, 3/25, 3/28, 3/29, 3/30, 3/31	5AM, 6AM, 7AM, 8AM, 5PM, 6PM, 10PM 58 min. 33 sec.	News	Minnesota Budget	Continuing coverage of the Minnesota Legislature's efforts to balance the state budget, including how proposals could affect the Northland.
2/15, 2/16, 3/19, 3/23, 3/24, 3/28, 3/29	5AM, 6AM, 5PM, 6PM, 10PM 23 min. 26 sec.	News	Duluth Local Government Aid	Reaction to proposals in the Minnesota Legislature to cut or eliminate local government aid payments to the City of Duluth.
1/31, 2/1	5AM, 6AM, 6PM, 10PM 8 min. 6 sec.	News	Minnesota Bonding Bill	Gov. Mark Dayton proposes a \$1 billion bonding bill, including projects in northeastern Minnesota.
2/9, 2/10	5AM, 6AM, 6PM, 10PM 7 min. 33 sec.	News	Minnesota State of the State	News coverage of Gov. Mark Dayton's State of the State address, including reaction from Northland legislators.

1/3, 1/4	5AM, 6AM, 5PM, 6PM, 10PM 9 min. 19 sec.	News	Dayton/Prettner Solon Inauguration	Newly-elected Minnesota Gov. Mark Dayton and Lt. Gov. Yvonne Prettner Solon take the oath of office.
1/1, 1/3	5AM, 6AM, 6PM, 10PM 8 min. 54 sec.	News	Yvonne Prettner Solon Profile	A profile of Yvonne Prettner Solon, a Duluth native elected as Minnesota Lt. Governor after work on the Duluth City Council and in the state Legislature.
1/4, 1/5	5AM, 6AM, 6PM, 10PM 7 min. 49 sec.	News	Minnesota Power Shift	For the first time in nearly 40 years, Republicans take control of both houses of the Minnesota Legislature as new Northland lawmakers take office.
1/28	10PM 1 min. 29 sec.	News	Raw Milk Sales	A proposal in the Minnesota Legislature would allow more sales of unpasteurized milk.
1/27, 1/28	5AM, 6AM, 6PM, 10PM 7 min. 1 sec.	News	School Bus Seat Belts	A proposal in the Minnesota Legislature would require new or retrofitted school busses to have seat belts.
1/13, 1/14, 3/29, 3/30	5AM, 6AM, 10PM 8 min. 21 sec.	News	Vikings Stadium	Minnesota lawmakers talk about funding plans for a new Vikings stadium, including a possible "racino."

1/20, 1/21	5AM, 6AM, 10PM 5 min. 40 sec.	News	Minnesota Welfare Payments	A proposal in the Minnesota Legislature would restrict ATM cash withdrawals using EBT cards.
1/10	10PM 1 min. 20 sec.	News	Minnesota Capitol Security	State public safety officials take a new look at state capitol security in the wake of an Arizona shooting incident.
2/8, 2/9	5AM, 6AM, 6PM, 10PM 7 min. 24 sec.	News	Parental Custody	Duluth family law attorneys react to a change proposed in the Minnesota Legislature to the way parental custody is determined in divorce cases.
1/25, 1/26	5AM, 6AM, 6PM, 10PM 7 min. 42 sec.	News	Minnesota Smoking Ban	An Iron Range state Representative proposes a change to the statewide smoking ban that would allow smoking in bars once again.
2/2, 2/3, 2/5, 3/16, 3/17	5AM, 6AM, 5PM, 6PM, 10PM 14 min 6 sec	News	Sunday Liquor Sales	A state Senator from Duluth proposes allowing liquor sales on Sunday in Minnesota.
2/21, 2/22	5AM, 6AM, 10PM 5 min. 23 sec.	News	Fast Food Lawsuits	Local reaction to a proposal in the Minnesota House that would limit lawsuits against restaurants over obesity.

2/1, 2/2	5AM, 6AM, 6PM, 10PM 7 min. 27 sec.	News	Cell Phones and Driving	A proposal in the Minnesota Legislature would ban cell phone use while driving.
1/28	6PM 2 min. 4 sec.	News	Iron Range Jobs	A committee of the Minnesota state Senate holds a hearing in Hibbing to hear testimony about the Iron Range economy and jobs.
3/16, 3/17, 3/23, 3/24	5AM, 6AM, 6PM, 10PM 15 min. 45 sec.	News	Northland Job Outlook	Workforce development officials and employment agencies say the short-term job outlook is getting better in the Twin Ports and say the job market is expected to grow in the next decade.
3/30, 3/31	5AM, 6AM, 5PM, 6PM, 10PM 9 min. 38 sec.	News	Minnesota Education Budget	Reaction from the Duluth School District and the Duluth teachers union to education budget changes considered in the Minnesota Legislature.
1/11, 1/12	5AM, 6AM, 6PM 4 min. 44 sec.	News	Minnesota Education Reform	Minnesota union leaders propose performance reviews for teachers and alternative teacher licensing.

1/13, 1/14, 2/1, 2/2, 2/28, 3/1, 3/7, 3/8, 3/9, 3/10	5AM, 6AM, 7AM, 5PM, 6PM, 10PM 18 min. 13 sec.	News	Alternative Teacher Licensing	Local reaction to a state law change allowing more non-traditional paths to becoming a teacher.
1/7	6PM, 10PM 3 min. 51 sec.	News	Duluth "Complete Streets"	Homeowners in one Duluth neighborhood respond negatively to the city's first attempt at reconfiguring a street to be more friendly to pedestrians.
1/6, 1/7	5AM, 6AM, 10PM 5 min.	News	Duluth City Council Vacancy	City councilors fill a vacancy created by the election of Kerry Gauthier to the Minnesota House of Representatives
2/10, 2/11, 2/14, 2/15, 2/16, 3/8, 3/9, 3/15, 3/16, 3/28, 3/29	5AM, 6AM, 5PM, 6PM, 10PM 23 min. 45 sec.	News	Duluth Rental Rules	New rules for rental units in Duluth prompts a threat of legal action by landlords.
3/7, 3/8, 3/9, 3/10	5AM, 6AM, 6PM, 10PM 12 min. 51 sec.	News	Duluth State of the City	Duluth's mayor lays out his vision for 2011, including a change to the way roads are maintained and a followup report on how the project would be paid for.

1/25, 1/26, 2/8, 2/9, 2/15, 2/16, 3/15, 3/16, 3/17	5AM, 6AM, 7AM, 5PM, 6PM, 10PM, 11PM 27 min. 22 sec.	News	Duluth School Budget Deficit	Continuing coverage of the Duluth School District's budget deficit, including the cause of the projected shortfall and what cuts were considered to fix the problem.
2/8, 2/9	5AM, 6AM, 10PM 5 min. 58 sec.	News	Duluth School Enrollment	After enrollment in Duluth public schools declined by 300, a look at where the students went.
3/4	10PM 2 min. 3 sec.	News	Duluth Schools "Red Plan"	An update on renovations at Duluth's future two high school buildings taking place as part of the school district's consolidation plan, or "red plan."
2/16, 2/17	5AM, 6AM, 6PM 5 min. 23 sec.	News	False Alarm Ordinance	An update on the performance of an ordinance charging home- and business-owners for false alarm calls.
1/4, 1/5, 1/21	5AM, 6AM, 5PM, 6PM 8 min. 2 sec.	News	Duluth Community Centers	Some Duluth residents take action to keep community centers open after closing some centers is considered as part of the master planning process for parks.

1/12, 1/13, 2/23, 2/24	5AM, 6AM, 5PM, 6PM, 10PM 10 min. 23 sec.	News	Park Point Hotel	The Duluth City Council considers a zoning change that could allow construction of a new hotel on Park Point.
1/19, 1/20	6AM, 6PM 3 min. 24 sec.	News	Park Point Campsites	News coverage of a proposal by a Duluth City Councilor to establish campsites on Park Point and its possible impacts on endangered species.
1/5, 1/6	5AM, 6AM, 6PM, 10PM 7 min. 32 sec.	News	Duluth's Legislative Priorities	Duluth city leaders consider which projects are top priorities for state funding in 2011.
1/5, 1/6	6AM, 10PM 3 min. 13 sec.	News	Northern Lights Express	A look at prospects for high-speed passenger rail service between Duluth and Minneapolis after one of its major proponents, Rep. Jim Oberstar, lost his re-election bid.
1/2, 1/3	5AM, 6AM, 10PM 5 min. 19 sec.	News	Changing Congressional Delegation	With both Rep. Jim Oberstar and Rep. Dave Obey leaving office, an interview with Obey about the region's future prospects in Congress.
1/10	6PM 2 min. 10 sec.	News	Partisan Rhetoric	In the wake of an Arizona shooting incident, a Duluth talk radio host responds to an Arizona sheriff's suggestion that heated partisan rhetoric may have motivated the shooter.

2/19, 2/21	5AM, 6AM, 6PM, 10PM 7 min. 34 sec.	News	Weather Service Budget	A look at how a bill that passed the U.S. House of Representatives would affect the Duluth National Weather Service office
3/31	5PM, 6PM, 10PM 5 min. 44 sec.	News	Food Shelf Demand	Twin Ports food shelves see rising demand as federal budget delays put them in a pinch.
3/25	5PM, 6PM, 10PM 4 min. 30 sec.	News	Superior Housing Survey	A housing survey aims to identify the need for low-income housing in Superior to secure federal funding.
3/18	6PM, 10PM 5 min. 13 sec.	News	Silver Bay Water Rates	The City of Silver Bay raises water rates for businesses that use large amounts of water.
3/11	5PM, 11PM 3 min. 19 sec.	News	Iron Range Education	Gov. Mark Dayton visits Hibbing High School to urge students to make education a top priority.
3/8, 3/9	5AM, 6AM, 5PM, 6PM, 10PM 8 min. 41 sec.	News	Hibbing Nurse Negotiations	Coverage of negotiations between a nurses union and Fairview University Medical Center Mesabi.

2/28, 3/1	5AM, 6AM, 5PM, 6PM, 10PM 9 min. 15 sec.	News	Cirrus Ownership	News coverage of plans to transfer ownership of Duluth-based Cirrus Aircraft from a Middle Eastern bank to a Chinese state-controlled company.
3/30, 3/31	5AM, 6AM, 5PM, 6PM, 10PM 7 min. 28 sec.	News	Google Fiber	Duluth-Superior loses out in the competition to become the first city to get Google's high-speed internet project after a large community effort, including \$25,000 in City of Duluth funding.
2/28, 3/1	5PM, 6PM, 10PM, 5AM, 6AM 9 min. 57 sec.	News	Mesothelioma Investigation	Another 14 cases of the rare cancer mesothelioma are identified in Iron Range miners.
3/2, 3/3	6PM, 10PM 6 min. 55 sec.	News	Hibbing VFW Finances	The VFW post in Hibbing battles financial troubles that could force the facility to close.
2/27, 2/28	5AM, 6AM, 10PM 6 min. 14 sec.	News	Lead Poisoning	An update on efforts to reduce lead poisoning in Superior.

2/25, 3/29, 3/30	5AM, 6AM, 6PM, 10PM 10 min. 44 sec.	News	Domestic Violence	News coverage of the Duluth's Domestic Abuse Intervention Programs release new updates to the "Duluth Model," a method of reducing domestic violence that has been used nationwide, and the Program to Aid Victims of Sexual Assault's expansion of programs.
2/22, 2/23, 3/1, 3/2	5AM, 6AM, 6PM, 10PM 13 min. 48 sec.	News	Low-Income Housing	News coverage of a series of events resulting in the loss of approximately 100 low-income housing units in downtown Duluth.
2/18	6PM, 10PM 3 min. 11 sec.	News	Passenger Safety Guidelines	A look at changes in passenger safety guidelines proposed in a U.S. Senate bill and how it would affect Northland travelers.
2/17, 2/18	5AM, 6PM 3 min. 18 sec.	News	Hibbing State of the City	A news report on the Hibbing mayor's State of the City address.
2/14, 2/15	5AM, 6AM 3 min. 41 sec.	News	Legacy Fund	The Minnesota DNR finalizes a 25-year plan for using money from the Legacy Fund, which receives its money from a sales tax approved by voters.
2/10, 2/11	5AM, 6PM 3 min. 33 sec.	News	Duluth Labor Negotiations	A union representing more than half of the City of Duluth's employees reaches a contract deal.

2/7, 2/8	5AM, 6AM, 10PM 5 min. 28 sec.	News	St. Louis Co. Emergency Response	The St. Louis County Sheriff's Department implements an automatic vehicle location system, which officials say will improve emergency response and could save lives.
2/2, 2/3	5AM, 6PM, 10PM 5 min. 56 sec.	News	Textbook Costs	The Minnesota Office of Higher Education offers tips to help college students save money on textbooks.
1/25, 1/26	5AM, 6AM, 6PM, 10PM 8 min. 4 sec.	News	Court Volunteers	A volunteer program helps pick up the slack left by budget cuts.
1/23, 1/24	5AM, 6AM, 10PM 5 min. 21 sec.	News	National Guard Deployment	2,400 Minnesota National Guard soldiers, including hundreds based in Duluth and Brainerd, receive notification of a one-year deployment to the Middle East.
1/20, 1/21, 1/26, 1/27	5AM, 6AM, 6PM, 10PM 13 min. 20 sec.	News	Duluth Homelessness	News reports on how local non-profit groups are helping the homeless survive the cold winter months and an annual census of the homeless population.

1/19, 1/20	5AM, 6AM, 6PM, 10PM 7 min. 10 sec.	News	Carbon Monoxide Detector Law	A new Wisconsin law will require homes to have carbon monoxide detectors.
1/18	6PM 1 min. 43 sec.	News	St. Louis Co. Labor Negotiations	A union representing workers for St. Louis County, including snowplow drivers, threatens to go on strike if a contract deal is not reached.
1/16, 1/17	5AM, 6AM, 10PM 6 min. 40 sec.	News	Rising Food Prices	A local economist explains the reason for rising prices for grain and beef and forecasts prices for the year.
1/14	6PM, 10PM 3 min. 49 sec.	News	Lake Superior Zoo accreditation	An update on efforts by the Lake Superior Zoo to regain its national accreditation.
1/13, 1/14	5AM, 6AM, 6PM, 10PM 7 min. 36 sec.	News	School Lunch Nutrition	Local reaction to a federal proposal to change nutrition standards for school lunches.
1/13, 1/14	6AM, 6PM 3 min. 53 sec.	News	Minnesota- Wisconsin Tax Reciprocity	A look at the paperwork workers who cross the state line for work have to do now that a tax reciprocity agreement between the two states is over.

1/6, 1/7	5AM, 6AM, 6PM, 10PM 8 min 11 sec.	News	Gas Prices and Local Government	A look at how rising gas prices could affect budgets for the cities of Duluth and Superior
1/5, 1/6, 3/24, 3/25	5AM, 6AM, 5PM, 6PM, 10PM 13 min. 38 sec.	News	I-35 Construction	A preview of construction plans for I-35 in Duluth in summer 2011.
1/5	6PM 1 min. 34 sec.	News	Medicaid Expansion	Minnesota Gov. Mark Dayton signs an executive order deepening the state's participation in the federal health care overhaul.
1/4, 1/5	5AM, 6AM, 6PM, 10PM 7 min. 8 sec.	News	Synthetic Marijuana	A Duluth teenager's adverse medical reaction to synthetic marijuana comes as federal regulators propose a nationwide ban on some synthetic marijuana products.
1/4, 1/5	6AM, 6PM, 10PM 6 min. 1 sec.	News	Duluth to Chicago Flight	A look at the impact a flight from Duluth to Chicago has had on local business.
1/2	9AM 30 min.	Public Affairs	Minnesota Politics	New governor selects his chief budget advisor. Preview of the legislative session in which lawmakers agree the top priority should be jobs. Analysis of previous governor's time in office.

1/9	9AM 30 min.	Public Affairs	Minnesota Politics	New governor takes oath of office, promises to raise taxes on wealthiest Minnesotans. Introduction of members of the new Republican majority in Minnesota's House and Senate. In one-on-one interview, new governor outlines budget proposal, tax increases, Vikings stadium plan.
1/16	9AM 30 min.	Public Affairs	Minnesota Politics	Minnesota Vikings make an offer to lawmakers in hopes of jump-starting stadium talks. Story on how the governor's choice of Ted Mondale for sports facilities commission signals he is serious about stadium solution. Explanation of how teacher's union changed its position on some calls for reform. Debate about the outcry that followed a decision in Illinois to raise taxes when Minnesota's taxes are still higher.
1/23	9AM 30 min.	Public Affairs	Minnesota Politics	Story on details of governor's plan to implement expansion of a new Medicaid program. Analysis of competing claims about state budget cuts from state workers union and Republican lawmakers. Teacher's union president discusses reform, policy and funding issues.
1/30	9AM 30 min.	Public Affairs	Minnesota Politics	In the first round of a budget battle, a bill to cut \$1 billion passes the state House. Following the shooting of an Arizona lawmaker, proponents and opponents of a Minnesota bill that would end state background checks for gun purchases share the reasons for their stances. Review of a bill to require photo identification to vote.
2/6	9AM 30 min.	Public Affairs	Minnesota Politics	Story on bonding bill proposal explains just how much Republicans and DFL governor disagree on the best way to create jobs. Review of legislation that would lift ban on Sunday liquor sales. Governor releases a list of donors to his recount committee. Story comparing security at Iowa's State Capitol to Minnesota's State Capitol. Discussion of whether no publicity is bad publicity in regard to national comedy show spoofing a Minnesota congresswoman. Analysis of governor's proposal to borrow \$1 billion for building projects.

2/13	9AM 30 min.	Public Affairs	Minnesota Politics	Analysis of the governor's State of the State address. Tensions rise in a special election when one candidate sends out a campaign mailer showing a shotgun and the opponent's face. County officials appear live to talk about the Vikings chances of relocating their stadium from Hennepin to Ramsey county.
2/27	9AM 30 min.	Public Affairs	Minnesota & Wisconsin Politics	Controversial union bill passes Wisconsin Assembly, opponents explain their next steps. Officials from a Minnesota city explain how the city ended up with a budget surplus while most others face a deficit and call for tax rebates. President of the University of Minnesota explains what proposed budget cuts could mean to university operations and students. Analysts of lawmakers decisions to exchange letters outlining their stand on taxes.
3/6	9AM 30 min.	Public Affairs	Minnesota & Wisconsin Politics	Explanation of why, despite numbers that show deficit shrinking, balancing the budget won't get much easier. Local teachers are criticized for skipping work to protest in Wisconsin. Minnesota companies for and against a proposed internet sales tax speak to lawmakers. Analysis of a statement made by a Senate Democrat that seems to question the ability of Republicans to make budget decisions.
3/13	9AM 30 min.	Public Affairs	Minnesota & Wisconsin Politics	Chaos in Wisconsin reaches a peak as protesters are arrested and Republicans find a loophole to pass controversial legislation. Preview of a proposal to create a so-called Racino, that is a bill to allow slot machines at two race tracks. Live guests include member of group fighting against Racino plan and member of group pushing for it to pass. Analysis of former governor's travel and appearances and whether they are signs he's soon to declare a presidential run.
3/20	9AM 30 min.	Public Affairs	Minnesota & Wisconsin Politics	Judge blocks controversial Wisconsin union law. Wisconsin governor defends his stance at local business. A danger is revealed at the Minnesota State Capitol- parts of the façade are crumbling. Analysis of whether claims that public employees are under attack hold water, or if they are being asked to make sacrifices similar to public sector workers.

3/27	9AM 30 min.	Public Affairs	Minnesota & Wisconsin Politics	Lawmakers start lobbying insults in budget battle. Analysis of two different Minnesotans' chances of launching serious presidential campaigns. Analysis of wide divide between Republicans and DFL governor in budget plans. Another twist in Wisconsin union debate arises when law is published online.